



## Education Sector PROJECT PROFILE

# Monitoring & Evaluation Partnership Program

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*Jordan's education system holds an impressive rank among Arab countries. Current reforms seek to achieve an international standard. As a result of this project, the National Center for Human Resources Development will be able to carry out quality monitoring and evaluation studies in support of Jordan's educational reforms and will collaborate efficiently with the Ministry of Education to apply the findings.*

### PROJECT SNAPSHOT

**Implemented by:** World Education International

**Duration:** 2010 - 2014

**Total Funding:** \$4 million

**Beneficiaries:** NCHRD staff and ERfKE partners and donors (especially MoE)

**Geographic Coverage:** N/A

### BACKGROUND

In its commitment to the Government of Jordan's initiatives to improve the quality and relevance of public education, USAID has been the major donor in both phases of the Ministry of Education's (MOE) Education Reform for the Knowledge Economy (ERfKE) initiative. An important component of this effort is increasing the availability and use of quality data and analysis to inform policy and decision making.

The National Center for Human Resources Development (NCHRD) has been assigned as the external Monitoring and Evaluation body, charged with conducting and supporting studies related to education reform under ERfKE, in both its phases, to inform policy and implementation.

The USAID-funded Monitoring and Evaluation Partnership Program seeks to build the capacity and skills of NCHRD staff in the area of monitoring and evaluation (M&E) and to establish an efficient system for collaborating with the MOE and ensuring that results of studies are used in the decision-making process.

### ACTIVITIES

- Increasing the technical capacity and skills of NCHRD staff to carry out quality M&E studies and effectively communicate and disseminate the findings, leading to professional certification
- Supporting NCHRD in carrying out studies in support of ERfKE II and the education system in Jordan in general
- Building a sustainable coordination system between MOE and NCHRD

### PROGRESS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Strengthened NCHRD capacity in areas ranging from study design and instrument development to item response theory and assessment validity/reliability review
- Assisted NCHRD in completing two major national ERfKE relevant studies, teacher classroom observation and school rationalization studies, and drafting the reports and policy briefs
- Supported training at The Evaluator Institute for NCHRD researchers to obtain the Master Evaluator Certificate and conducted multiple in-country training workshops on M&E techniques and development challenges



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- Succeeded in getting NCHRD and the Ministry of Education in agreement on processes and coordination procedures that concluded in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding
- Assisted in the revision of the Scope of Work for the Ministry of Education Monitoring and Evaluation Steering Committee

## PARTNERS

- World Education, Inc.
- George Washington University: The Evaluator Institute
- National Center for Human Resources Development
- Ministry of Education

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